are entitled to duty credit scrip equivalent to 5% of FOB value of exports for each licensing year. The scrip and the items imported against it would be freely transferable. The duty credit may be used for import of inputs or goods including capital goods provided the same is freely importable.

Horticulture Mission in J & K

2055. PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving final touches to the ambitious programmes under the Horticulture Mission; and

(b) if so, whether a reasonable sum of money would be allocated to Jammu and Kashmir where Horticulture is the mainstay for a sizeable section of population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTILAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Government of India has sanctioned a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "National Horticulture Mission" during the current year 2005-06 with an outlay of Rs. 2300.00 crores for this year and 2006-07 for implementation in all the States and Union Territories of India excepting North Eastern States and three Himalayan States namely, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttaranchal, where Ministry of Agriculture Government of India is already implementing a Centrally Sponsored Scheme "Technology Mission for Intergrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Sikkim, J&K, H.P. & Uttaranchal". The scheme is being implemented in a Mission Mode approach addressing all the issues related to the development of Horticulture from production to marketing and processing through four Mini Missions in an end to end approach.

The total Tenth-Five-Year Plan outlay for the implementation of this mission in North Eastern States, Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttaranchal is Rs. 845 crores, of which Rs. 585 crores for North Eastern States, Rs. 100.00 crores for Jammu & Kashmir, Rs. 80.00 crores for Himachal Pradesh and Rs. 80.00 crores for Uttaranchal.